

Legislature. With that, Mr. President, I would conclude my remarks.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I am also opposed to the kill motion even though I was one of the individuals who requested that all these different organizations be put into one natural resource district when we organized the natural resource districts. But I carried this bill four years ago to extend it to '87 and now that time is running out. We are discovering that we have a lot of people out there, a lot of board members who are board members of the different county groundwater districts who are contributing a terrific amount of education to the people out there and this is what it is all about. We have got to educate our people that there is some danger with too much nitrates in the water and this organization is working hand in hand with the Natural Resource District of the Upper Blue and they have a good working relationship. Now, yes, this may continue on and the individual who is now working with the groundwater may just transfer over to the NRD, but you are losing all of those directors and they are very conscientious and this is the part that I see and I think we have got to continue it for that reason, to keep all of those people working. Now, if you look at the total amount of directors in the Upper Blue with including the groundwater directors, there is about 70 people that are out there educating our rural people. I feel that is important even though I feel that the natural resource districts can do this but it is going to be a lot more difficult because you do not have the personnel to accomplish it and it will actually cost a lot more money because then you hire people to do it and we are now getting a lot of work done free gratis. This would be a poor time to dismantle the groundwater district in that area. So I urge you to oppose the...or to oppose this kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers. The speaking order is as follows: Senator Eret, Lamb and Rod Johnson.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the kill motion. If you ask almost anybody in the State of Nebraska who is responsible for protecting the resources in this state on the local level, practically anybody that watches government at all will tell you it is